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APPLICATION OF

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUE-2001-00587

For approval of a Retail Supply Choice Plan and to Change Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations (Phase II)

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

July 3, 2002

On July 2, 2002, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Company") filed a Motion to Amend Application to Revise Rate Schedule TS-1/TS-2 and Rate Schedule AS ("Motion to Amend"). The Company seeks to revise its transportation service under existing Rate Schedule TS-1/TS-2, and to revise its aggregation service under Schedule AS. The Company seeks to make corresponding revisions to the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the Service Agreements associated with Rate Schedule TS-1/TS-2 and Rate Schedule AS. The Company also seeks to revise its Rate Sheets, tariff index, and other related tariff sheets. Further, the Company requests leave to withdraw Rate Schedule TS-3/TS-4. In support of its Motion to Amend, the Company states that the proposed revisions are necessary to clarify the tariff interpretation dispute in *Petition of Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., for Declaratory Judgment*, Case No. PUE-2002-00070.

On July 2, 2002, Stand Energy Corporation ("Stand") filed a Motion to Suspend Deadline for Filing Respondents' Testimony and Exhibits ("Motion to Suspend") in Phase II of this proceeding. In support of its Motion to Suspend, Stand notes that the Company indicated that it would be filing revised tariff sheets subsequent to the initial filing of tariff sheets on June 17, 2002. In view of the anticipated filing of revised tariff sheets, ¹ Stand requests that Respondents' filing date for testimony and exhibits of July 15, 2002 be suspended.

I find that the parties and Commission Staff should be afforded an opportunity to respond to the Company's Motion to Amend and Stand's Motion to Suspend. Accordingly, **IT IS DIRECTED** that comments regarding the Company's Motion to Amend and Stand's Motion to Suspend shall be filed on or before July 10, 2002.

Howard P. Anderson, Jr. Hearing Examiner

¹The Company filed revised tariff sheets on July 2, 2002, the same day that Stand filed its Motion to Suspend.